EPF Defaulters

2420. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that audit of 2001-02 reveals that about two lakh establishments defaulted in EPF deposits and a sum of Rs. 367.42 crore is to be recovered from them;

(b) if so, the amount recovered, so far, and the action taken to streamline the procedure to eliminate willful defaults;

(c) the latest position of defaulters, the amount due and recovered from them as per the audit 2001-02; and

(d) the steps being taken to recover the amount at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL) : (a) There are a number of establishments defaulting in the payment of Provident Fund dues. As on 31.03.02, an amount Rs. 1,336 crore was in default as Provident Fund dues. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 1,033 crore was unrealisable, being locked up in stay order by courts or establishments being registered with BIFR etc.

(b) Rs. 858.53 crore was recovered during the year 2001-02 and an amount of approximately Rs. 589.53 crore has already been recovered during the year 2002-03 (upto Jan. 2003). Arrear management in Employees Provident Fund Organisation has been streamlined using information Technology and software, specifically developed to monitor default by the employer.

(c) The position of default upto January 2003 is as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Period	Amount Collected	Amount Outstanding
2001-02	858.53	1336.24
2002-03	589.53	1663.75

(d) Whenever any default is detected, actions under Section 7A, 8F, 8B to 8G, 14(1)(a), 14(b) 7Q of Employees provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, under Section 406/409 of IPC and under Section 110 of CrPC, are taken against defaulters.